

The City Council of Framingham

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR FRAMINGHAM, MA.

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ORDER NO. 2021-068 REQUEST OF COUNCILOR STEFANINI

UPON THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR STEFANINI, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Resolution

Whereas, Framingham's vibrant restaurant scene, featuring exquisite cuisines from Italian to Brazilian to Mexican to Mediterranean to American to Jewish deli to Central American to African, contribute to the vitality of our neighborhoods and economy; and

Whereas, Our local restaurants are active community members, always lending a helping hand in the form of donations or money in times of need in Framingham; and

Whereas, The restaurant community in Framingham and around the country were greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021; and

Whereas, The Restaurant Revitalization Fund, part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, allocates \$28.6 billion for the Small Business Authority to distribute to qualifying restaurants and bars that suffered revenue loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, The Framingham Council stands with our local restaurants, and encourages the Framingham government to continue supporting these businesses through distribution of grants and funding, enabling outside dining, collaborations with the Framingham Business Association and MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, and providing additional resources as Framingham recovers from the pandemic; and

Whereas, The Framingham Council encourages its residents to patronize many of our local restaurants, whether a longtime favorite or a new-to-you location, through take out or dining. Together we will recover as a community and emerge stronger than before,

Now Therefore, the Framingham Council declares June 2021 as FRAMINGHAM RESTAURANT MONTH in Framingham, and we urge all residents to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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CITY COUNCIL:

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini,

Steiner, Stewart-Morales

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All members were present via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: MAY 18, 2021

A True Record, Attest:

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk

Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

Date Approved

Yvonne M. Spicer Mayor